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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive for Administration and Management

FROM: Chief, Budget and Finance Branch

SUBJECT: Financial Support of the NIS Program

REFERENCE: Memorandum of Executive Director to JCS of 10 September 1947
Memorandum of the Assistant Director, ORE, of 20 February 1948
Memorandum of the Executive for A & M of 10 March 1948
Memorandum of the Assistant Director, ORE of 16 March 1948

1. The following is quoted from the Executive Director's memorandum of 10 September 1947, addressed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

"In accordance with the request contained in your memorandum on above subject, file SM-854 dated 28 August 1947, the Director of Central Intelligence accepts the responsibility for coordinating the production and maintenance and accomplishing the editing, publishing, and dissemination of appropriate studies to provide basic intelligence on foreign countries for the armed services and other agencies of the government.

.....the Central Intelligence Group will assume full operational responsibility for JANIS and JISPB effective 1 October 1947 including reimbursement of the agencies concerned for the salaries of those individuals assigned to this Project who are retained pending completion of their security investigations. All other operational costs will also be assumed by the Central Intelligence Group as of that date."

2. It appears from the above that CIA has accepted full responsibility for the direction, supervision and production of the National Intelligence Studies which were formerly issued under the name of JANIS. The estimate of \$600,000 submitted by the Assistant Director, ORE, for the NIS Program for the Fiscal Year 1949, therefore, appears to be in order for consideration. However, since the estimate is for the Fiscal Year 1949, it may be well to postpone action on approving the request until the Agency receives a reply on the paper covering the subject which according to [redacted] is now being circulated among the members of the IAC for concurrence. If this course of action is followed we will be in a position to take a look into the whole program and take into consideration any request from the participating agencies for financial assistance. It has also been indicated by representatives of ORE that when the NIS Program gets into full swing that increases in the T/O of Basic Intelligence and Map Intelligence will be necessary.

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3. The following amounts were included in the Agency's 1949 budget for the NIS Program:

Geographic name research	\$25,000
Preparation of standard base maps	-
Printing costs including map reproduction	<u>273,000</u>
Total	<u>298,000</u>
Additional funds required	<u>302,000</u>
Total funds required per estimate	<u>600,000</u>

In my previous submission of March 9, 1948 the sum of \$25,000 for geographic name research was inadvertently omitted as it was included in the budget of the Reference Branch which has since been transferred from ORE to Executive for A & M. It is still the opinion of this office that the additional funds required in the amount of \$302,000 for this particular part of the program may be obtained through savings effected by other organizational units of ORE not being able to get their programs fully developed as estimated.

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